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3. (Once Amended) A method for providing glutamine to a mammal suffering from injured, diseased or under-developed intestines, the method comprising the step of administering to the mammal a nutritional composition including a protein source chosen from the group consisting of whey protein, and protein mixture which simulates the amino acid profile of whey protein.

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4. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 3 wherein the mammal is a pre-term infant having an under-developed intestine.

5. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 4 wherein the whey protein is hydrolyzed and the protein source further comprises arginine, tyrosine and histidine.

6. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the whey protein is hydrolyzed whey protein.

7. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 6 wherein the hydrolyzed whey protein contains less than about 5% by weight of free amino acids, about 15% to about 55% by weight of peptides having a molecular weight of less than 1000 Da, about 20% to about 55% by weight of peptides having a molecular weight of 1000 Da to 5000 Da, and about 15% to about 35% by weight of peptides having a molecular weight of greater than 5000 Da.

8. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the protein source provides about 10% to about 20% of the energy of the nutritional composition.

9. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the nutritional composition further includes a lipid source which provides about 20% to about 50% of the energy of the nutritional composition, the lipid source comprising a mixture of medium chain and long chain fatty acids.

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10. (Once Amended) The method of Claim 1 wherein the nutritional composition further includes a carbohydrate source which provides about 35% to about 65% of the energy of the nutritional composition.

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Please add Claims 11-16 as follows:

11. The method of Claim 2 wherein the protein source provides about 10% to about 20% of the energy of the nutritional composition.

12. The method of Claim 2 wherein the nutritional composition further includes a lipid source which provides about 20% to about 50% of the energy of the nutritional composition, the lipid source comprising a mixture of medium chain and long chain fatty acids.

13. The method of Claim 2 wherein the nutritional composition further includes a carbohydrate source which provides about 35% to about 65% of the energy of the nutritional composition.

14. The method of Claim 3 wherein the protein source provides about 10% to about 20% of the energy of the nutritional composition.

15. The method of Claim 3 wherein the nutritional composition further includes a lipid source which provides about 20% to about 50% of the energy of the nutritional composition, the lipid source comprising a mixture of medium chain and long chain fatty acids.

16. The method of Claim 3 wherein the nutritional composition further includes a carbohydrate source which provides about 35% to about 65% of the energy of the nutritional composition.

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on July 3, 2001. In the Office Action, the Patent Office rejects Claims 1-10 under 35 U.S.C. §101 alleging that Applicants claim a recitation of a use without setting forth any steps involved in a process,